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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN POSITION IN MTN

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1. ALTHOUGH BASIC JUSTIFICATIONS FOR OUR NONTARIFF REQUESTS
HAVE ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED, U.S. DELEGATION MAY WISH TO
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CONSIDER FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN REPLY TO ROMANIAN POSITION
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(A). WHILE OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MAY HAVE CON-
DITIONS COMPARABLE TO THOSE WE WOULD LIKE CHANGED IN
ROMANIA, IN FACT USG MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO TAILOR OUR
REQUESTS TO PARTICULAR NONTARIFF PROBLEMS OUR FIRMS EN-

COUNTER IN ROMANIA. WE HAVE NOT MADE IDENTICAL REQUESTS OF OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS. IN THE CASE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, SEVERAL PROVIDE BETTER DATA THAN DOES ROMANIA.

(B). INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO THE IBRD, IMF OR EVEN EXIM-BANK IS NOT REPEAT NOT AVAILABLE TO U.S. PRIVATE FIRMS, AND IS THUS OF NO DIRECT VALUE IN FACILITATING U.S. EXPORTS. WE ARE REQUESTING INFORMATION WHICH BUSINESSMEN OFTEN NEED BEFORE THEY CAN MAKE INTELLIGENT, SPECIFIC REQUESTS OF THE GOR.

(C). WE CONTINUE TO VALUE ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE IMF AND IBRD. OUR POSITIONS REGARDING INFORMATION AND EXCHANGE RATES IN THOSE ORGANIZATIONS ARE RELATED TO THE NEEDS AND OBJECTIVES OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, NOT U.S. EXPORT INTERESTS.

2. THE ROMANIANS KNOW THAT WE HAVE NO GATT OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT THEIR TARIFF REDUCTIONS AS RECIPROCITY, AND THAT THE RESULTS OF THE GATT WORKING PARTY ON THE ROMANIAN TARIFF HAVE BEEN INCONCLUSIVE SO FAR. ALTHOUGH OUR INVOCATION OF ARTICLE 35 PREVENTS US FROM NEGOTIATING TARIFF REDUCTIONS IN THE MTN, USMTN MAY WISH TO MENTION THAT ALTHOUGH SKEPTICAL, WE ARE INTERESTED IN THEIR EXPLANATIONS REGARDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FISCAL OR ANY OTHER EFFECTS OF THE TARIFF WHICH MIGHT MAKE TARIFF REDUCTIONS USEFUL TO U.S. AND OTHER GATT EXPORTERS. VANCE

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